ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 101 4000 Arlington Boulevard Arlington County Virginia

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Location:

Located in the northeast quadrant of Arlington Hall Station on the southwest side of Third Street approximately 350 feet southeast of Fourth Street. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.

Significance:

Constructed in 1944 as a recreation hall, Building 101 was part of the second major building campaign initiated by the U.S. Army at Arlington Hall Station, formerly Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942). It is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For Overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-1270).

Description:

Building 101 is a rectangular, single story painted concrete block building measuring approximately I10 feet by 50 feet. The building consists of two parallel gabled-roofed sections, connected by a cross-gabled section, with flat-roofed infill sections. Window openings are rectangular with concrete sills and eight-over-eight double-hung wood sash. Some window openings have been boarded-up. Door styles vary. A simple wood steeple, added ca. 1962 when the building was converted for use as a chapel, has a square base and decorative urns and is located above the southernmost gable. The interior plan is open beneath the parallel sections with offices located in the connecting section.

History:

Building 101 was constructed in I944 as a recreation hall. By 1962 the building had been converted to a chapel and library, and by 1965 the Special Services Office was located in the building. In I977 a northern addition was built onto the library.

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